

Claims:

1. A computer-based educational system, comprising:

a content pane configured to present a presentation of a series of slides; and

a progress control configured to adjust a user's progress through a currently

5 displayed slide.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the currently displayed slide includes a

plurality of frames, and the progress control is configured to adjust the currently

displayed frame of the currently displayed slide.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the progress control is configured to enable

the user to sequentially scroll through the frames of the slide, and wherein the content

pane is configured to display the frames in real-time as the user scrolls.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the progress control includes slider having

a handle.

5. The system of claim 2, wherein the progress control further includes

distinguishable regions indicating a previously viewed portion of the currently displayed

20 slide and a remaining portion of the currently displayed slide.

6. The system of claim 1, further comprising navigation controls selected from the group consisting of next slide control, previous slide control, rewind slide control, play control, and pause control.

5 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the progress control is configured to indicate a user's time-based viewing progress through the currently displayed slide.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a progress indicator independent from and operatively linked to the progress control, such that progress adjustments made
10 via the progress control are directly reflected in the progress indicator.

9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a table of contents pane including hyperlinks to the slides of the presentation.

15 10. The system of claim 1, further comprising a slide title pane configured to display a title of the currently displayed slide.

11. The system of claim 1, further comprising a volume control configured to control the volume of the presentation displayed in the content pane.

12. The system of claim 1, further comprising a pop-up window selector configured to display a pop-up window containing detailed information related to the currently displayed slide.

5 13. The system of claim 1, wherein the presentation includes voiceover narration, the system further comprising, a transcript selector configured to cause a text transcript of the voiceover narration to be displayed.

10 14. The system of claim 1, further comprising, a help selector configured to cause a help file related to the presentation to be displayed.

15 15. The system of claim 1, further comprising, a glossary selector configured to cause a glossary related to the presentation to be displayed.

16. The system of claim 1, further comprising, a resources selector configured to cause a resources list related to the presentation to be displayed.

17. The system of claim 1, further comprising, a slide indicator configured to indicate the number of the current slide and the number of total slides in the presentation.

20 18. The system of claim 1, further comprising, a course selector configured to enable a user to choose a presentation to be viewed in the content pane.

19. A computer-based educational system, comprising:

a content pane configured to present a presentation of a series of slides; and

a progress indicator configured to indicate a user's time-based viewing progress

through the presentation.

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20. A computer-based educational system, comprising:

a content pane configured to present a series of slides, the slides being

accompanied by voiceover narration; and

a link to a text transcript of the voiceover narration.

21. A computer-based educational system, comprising:

a content pane configured to present a presentation of a series of slides, each slide consisting of one or more frames, the presentation including voiceover narration;

a progress control configured to adjust a user's progress through a currently displayed slide, by adjusting the currently displayed frame of the currently displayed slide, and wherein the content pane is configured to display the frames in real-time as the user scrolls;

a transcript selector configured to cause a text transcript of the voiceover narration to be displayed;

one or more navigation controls selected from the group consisting of next slide control, previous slide control, rewind slide control, play control, and pause control;

wherein the progress control includes slider having a handle, and distinguishable regions indicating a previously viewed portion of the currently displayed slide and a remaining portion of the currently displayed slide.

22. A computer-based educational method, comprising:

displaying a presentation of a series of slides in a content pane; and

indicating a user's time-based viewing progress through the presentation via a progress indicator.

23. A computer-based educational method, comprising:

displaying a presentation of a series of slides in a content pane, the slides being accompanied by voiceover narration; and

providing a user-selectable link to a text transcript of the voiceover narration.

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24. A computer-based educational method, comprising:

displaying a presentation of a series of slides in a content pane, the slides having accompanying voiceover narration;

providing a user-selectable link to a text transcript of the voiceover narration; and

indicating a user's time-based viewing progress through the presentation via a progress indicator.